

### REMARKS

To the extent that it is necessary, Applicants propose to amend the title to add the word “and” between the words “Sharing Implementing”. The Applicants had amended the title to “Sharing and Implementing Instant Messaging Environments” in their response to the Official Action mailed by the PTO on June 17, 2005. Applicants are presenting this amendment to assure that the patent issues with the correct title.

Claims 17-23 and 32-33 were withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement mailed by the PTO on January 26, 2005. Applicants are canceling Claims 17-23 and 32-33 to assure that Claims 17-23 and 32-33 are not published with the allowed claims of the present patent application.

For the foregoing reasons, entry and allowance of the amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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